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Mr. Fred Rasmussen
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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Subject: Amendment to the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification (Water Quality Certification) for the Klamath River Ranch Bridge Replacement Project

File: Pacificorp – Klamath River Ranch Bridge Replacement
WDID No. 1A05041WNSI

On July 15, 2005, we received your email requesting a change to the 401 Water Quality Certification for the Pacificorp Klamath River Ranch Bridge Replacement Project located in Siskiyou County. Your email indicates that the excavator and pile driver that are needed to install the northern bridge abutment will not be able to access the north side of the river using the road parallel to the north side of the river as was previously planned. Therefore, you requested authorization to allow the excavator and pile driver to cross the river at a previously used wet stream crossing (ford) location.

In response to your request, this letter serves as an amendment to the Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification (Water Quality Certification) for the Klamath River Ranch Bridge Project, to allow wet stream crossings as outlined below:

Additional Conditions: Pursuant to 23 CCR 3859(a), the applicant shall comply with the following additional conditions:

- 12) An excavator and a pile driver are authorized to ford the river two times each in order to access the work area on the north bank and to return to the south bank. Both vehicles shall only cross the river at the existing ford location identified in the submitted photographs.

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- 13) The excavator and pile driver shall be inspected for leaks and shall be in good repair prior to crossing the river.
- 14) The excavator and pile driver shall be completely clean of dirt and petroleum residue prior to crossing the river.
- 15) The excavator and pile driver shall only cross the river during the morning when the river's flow is at its lowest point of the day.
- 16) A biologist shall be onsite to observe crossing activities in order to prevent injury to any fish and wildlife in the area. A person shall safely wade the river in front of each machine while it crosses the river in order to cause fish to move out of the stream crossing area.
- 17) The excavator and pile driver shall be driven with caution over the riverbanks to minimize soil disturbance and to avoid permanent impacts to existing vegetation. The riverbanks shall be inspected after the last river crossing. Soil cover shall be repaired and disturbed soil shall be stabilized as necessary to prevent future erosion. Vegetation shall be replanted as necessary to restore any permanent impacts to existing vegetation.

I hereby issue an amendment to the Additional Conditions section of the PacifiCorp – Klamath River Ranch Bridge Replacement Certification Order (WDID No. 1A05041WNSI) certifying that the remainder of the Water Quality Certification sections of the July 8, 2005 Order are still valid. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Dean Prat at (707) 576-2801 or dprat@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer

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